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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - AERIAL SURVEY

REF: ISLAMABAD 1268

1. WE HAVE RESERVATIONS AS TO (A) WHETHER GOP CAN UNDER-TAKE AERIAL POPPY SURVEY WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL EXTERNAL MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE; (B) WHETHER EQUIPMENT CONTEMPLATED FOR PURCHASE BY UNDP FOR MAPPING BUNER WOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR OUR PURPOSES. WE ESTIMATE THAT THE MINIMUM PACKAGE (EXCLUDING AIRCRAFT) TO PRODUCE WORTHWHILE RESULTS WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY DOLS 700,000.

2. EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE (E.G. THAILAND) ALSO INDICATES THAT WITHOUT FULLEST COOPERATION OF GOVERNMENT (TECHNICAL AND SECURITY MINISTRIES) AMBITIOUS PROGRAMS OF AERIAL SURVEYS CAN EASILY BE HAMSTRUNG. IN VIEW RECENT POLITICAL
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EVENTS IN NWFP, WE WONDER IF GOP WOULD PERMIT SUCH SURVEY

TO TAKE PLACE IN NEAR FUTURE, EVEN WITH MAXIMUM USE OF
INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL.

3. WE WELCOME PNCB'S INTENT TO CONDUCT GROUND SURVEY
DURING THIS CROP YEAR (PARA. 1-A REFTTEL) AND BELIEVE THIS
DATA, TOGETHER WITH WHAT IS ALREADY KNOWN, WOULD BE AMPLE
BASIS FOR INITIATION OF USG-FUNDED PROJECT PLANNED FOR
SWABI TEHSIL. MISSION AID DIRECTOR WHEELER CONCURS THAT
THIS APPROACH FEASIBLE.

4. WOULD HOPE THAT DIALOGUE CAN BEGIN IN NEAR FUTURE WITH
GOP ON INCOME/CROP SUBSTITUTION, AND THAT, AS WE MOVE INTO
INITIAL PILOT STAGES, GOP WILL SEE THE USEFULNESS OF CON-
DUCTING COMPREHENSIVE AERIAL SURVEY. GUIDELINES ON RELA-
TIONSHIP OF CROP SUBSTITUTION AND ENFORCEMENT REMAIN AS
EXPRESSED IN STATE 270210 (PARA. 4) OF DECEMBER 1974. INGERSOLL

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